

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

39 October 4, 2016

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

LORI GLASGOW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

# APPROVAL FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 FOR THE 2016 PROBATION CHILD WELFARE PLACEMENT SERVICES BUREAU ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

#### SUBJECT

The County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation) is seeking approval to fund expenses incurred at the 2016 Probation Child Welfare Placement Services Bureau (PSB) Conference (Conference) which will be held on November 1, 2016, at the California Endowment Conference Center.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Interim Chief Probation Officer to work with the Director of Internal Services to allocate a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for food and related costs for the Conference.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Probation to work with the Internal Services Department (ISD) to allocate a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for food and related costs for the Conference. Board approval is required for incidental expenditures in excess of \$5,000 (Los Angeles County Code 5.40.097).

The Conference is part of the State-mandated System Improvement Plan (SIP) goals, which includes cross-training and collaboration with key stakeholders and partners, and increasing safety, permanency, and well-being of all foster youth. The Conference will be developed by a planning

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team consisting of PSB staff, Probation foster youth, providers, and caregivers. The planning team will explore the potential to provide resources, networking opportunities, and information/training on all areas critical to child welfare. The Conference will feature presentations by various professionals that will provide information and training on new legislation and policy related to Probation foster youth. Breakout sessions will address specific areas of child welfare reform such as early family finding and placement with relatives, information regarding permanency and life-long connections, services and programs under Assembly Bill (AB) 12, evidence-based programs available to caregivers, and assessment and treatment of foster youth.

### <u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The recommended action is consistent with the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery.

# **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated total for food and related costs of the Conference is in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Sufficient funding is included in Probation's PSB budget and there is no additional net County cost. Approximately 58% of the actual costs incurred will be claimed from Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project (CWSOIP) funding.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The estimated expense of \$30,000 exceeds \$5,000 and must be approved by your Board in advance. The Conference is an annual event that will benefit and improve outcomes for all participating youth. The Conference is necessary to fulfill the strategies and goals of the Statemandated and Board-approved SIP. The State provides CWSOIP funding with the expectation that the counties will use the funding in order to successfully complete the SIP goals with effective results.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of this action will allow Probation to meet the State-mandated SIP goals.

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Respectfully submitted,

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